# Hunspell

**Hunspell** is a <u>spell checker</u> and <u>morphological</u> analyser designed for languages with rich morphology and complex <u>word compounding</u> and character encoding, originally designed for the Hungarian language.

Hunspell is based on MySpell and is backward-compatible with MySpell dictionaries. While MySpell uses a  $\frac{\text{single-byte character}}{\text{character}}$  encoding, Hunspell can use Unicode UTF-8-encoded dictionaries.

## **Uses**

Software with Hunspell support:

| Name                  | Туре                  | Group                     | Method  | Notes  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Chrome                | Web<br>browser        | Google                    | ?   | [2]  |
| Chromium              | Web<br>browser        | Google                    | ?   | [2]  |
| Empathy               | Instant<br>messaging  | _                         | Dynamically-linked<br>libenchant                                | Issue<br>selecting<br>dictionaries<br>Enchant <sup>[3]</sup> |
| Firefox               | Web<br>browser        | Mozilla                   | ?   | _  |
| Illustrator           | Vector<br>graphics    | Adobe                     | Statically-linked libhunspell                                   | _  |
| InDesign              | Desktop<br>publishing | Adobe                     | Statically-linked libhunspell                                   | Since<br>CS5.5 <sup>[4]</sup>                                |
| Inkscape              | Vector<br>graphics    | _                         | Dynamically-linked<br>libenchant via<br>GtkSpell <sup>[5]</sup> | Issue using<br>Enchant via<br>GtkSpell <sup>[6]</sup>        |
| gedit                 | Text editor           | GNOME                     | Dynamically-linked libenchant via GtkSpell <sup>[5]</sup>       | _  |
| GroupWise             |                       | _                         |   | Starting in version 2012 <sup>[7]</sup>                      |
| .NET                  |                       | _                         |   | [8]  |
| Origyn Web<br>Browser | Web<br>browser        | _                         | Dynamically-linked spellchecker.library                         | Since 3.12   |
| Perl                  |                       | _                         |   | [9]  |
| QuarkXPress           | Desktop<br>publishing | Quark<br>Software<br>Inc. | Statically-linked libhunspell                                   | Since<br>QuarkXPress<br>2017 <sup>[10]</sup>                 |
| Scribus               | Desktop<br>publishing | _                         | Dynamically-linked libenchant                                   | Since<br>1.4.2 <sup>[11]</sup>                               |
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## Hunspell

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| Stable release   | 1.7.0 /<br>12 November<br>2018 <sup>[1]</sup>   |  |
| Repository       | github.com<br>/hunspell<br>/hunspell (http<br>s://github.com/<br>hunspell/hunsp<br>ell) |  |
| Written in       | <u>C++</u>  |  |
| Operating system | Cross-platform  |  |
| Туре             | Spell checker   |  |
| License          | GNU Lesser General Public License and Mozilla Public License                            |  |
| Website          | hunspell.github<br>.io (https://huns<br>pell.github.io/)                                |  |

## License

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#### About the author

Hunspell was developed by a Hungarian biologist and free software developer named László Németh (not to be confused with the dentist and writer <u>László Németh</u> who died in 1975). His recent job as a lead programmer is related to also free software, especially to LibreOffice. He contributes for OpenOffice.org/LibreOffice, as a code contributor since 2002 (spell checking, hyphenation etc.). He also contributes and makes patches for Hunspell spell checker with Unicode, compound word and <u>agglutinative language</u> support; Unicode and non-standard hyphenation; thesaurus component with stemming and suffixation; Lightproof grammar checker; Graphite versions of Linux Libertine and Biolinum fonts with extended typographical capabilities. [12]

#### See also

- GNU Aspell
- Enchant
- Ispell
- MySpell
- Pspell
- Virastyar

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# **External links**

- Official website (https://hunspell.github.io)
- OpenOffice.org spelling dictionaries (http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Dictionaries)
- OpenOffice.org Lingucomponent project (http://www.openoffice.org/lingucomponent/)
- Release notes of OpenOffice.org 2.0.2 (http://development.openoffice.org/releases/2.0.2.html)
- Mozilla bug report: Replace MySpell with HunSpell (https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show bug.cgi?id=319778)
- Obtaining and Using Hunspell Compatible Dictionaries with XMetaL Author (https://forums.xmetal.com/for ums/topic/obtaining-and-using-hunspell-compatible-dictionaries-with-xmetal-author/)

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